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EASLEY APPOINTS WAINWRIGHT TO BIOTECH STEERING COMMITTEE

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed Rep. William Wainwright to the North Carolina Biotech Steering Committee.

"Rep. Wainwright's service to our state and his community will bring essential knowledge to the committee," Easley said. "I look forward to working with Rep. Wainwright and the entire committee in building North Carolina's biotech industry."

Wainwright is serving his seventh term in the N.C. House where he represents Craven, Jones and Lenoir counties. He is the chairman of the finance committee and a member of the health, redistricting and insurance committees. Wainwright is also a presiding elder of the New Bern district, N.C. Conference, A.M.E. Zion church.

In July, Easley asked the North Carolina Biotechnology Center to lead the development of a strategic business plan for the biotech industry in North Carolina. He announced the creation of the steering committee of distinguished business, academic and government leaders to be led by former governors Jim Hunt and Jim Martin. The committee's final plan is due to Easley Oct. 31.

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